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TOWN AFFAIRS.

No. I.

It would seem a very proper time now, when all kinds of secular business are measurable at a stand still, for citizens to give some thought and attention to interests of the town:

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Those who have ordered last year's volume of the GAZETTE bound for them are informed that they will be finished about the middle of the month.

Any others who wish to secure a bound copy can do so by sending in their orders at once. The price will be \$3 bound or if they have a full file of the papers for last year by returning them, the cost of the bound copy will be only \$2.

HOMELIATERS.

WEATHER CHRONICLE.

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre

	Jan	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
At 7 A.M.	50°	45°	25°	21°	26°	25°	20°	
At Noon	120°	20°	31°	32°	34°	29°	22°	
At 9 P.M.	11°	18°	33°	27°	32°	23°	23°	

BLOOMFIELD.

NOTICE.—There will be a Parish Meeting of the old Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield, on Wednesday evening next, at a quarter before 8 o'clock, for election of seven trustees, in place of the present incumbents, whose term of office then expires.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—Services have been held every evening during this week in the different churches in both our villages.

Saturday (this evening) there will be a uniform service in the Westminster Church, Bloomfield; in which all the churches are expected to participate.

EUCLEAN SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting of this Society will be held on Monday evening, January 11th, in their rooms. The following interesting programme is presented to the public, who are cordially invited to be present:

Reading—Selections from Richard III, by W. D. Foulke.

Lecture—A battle and its consequences, How John Whitehead.

Exercises to begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

PARTY.—A large and select party of "strangers for the time," gathered by invitation at a well known residence on Ridgewood heights north of Montclair railway, on Tuesday evening, where they had, as we learn, a very interesting interchange of courtesies till the arrival of hours which are expressed by single digits, when they suddenly became known to one another, and each found himself in the midst of friends, with the generous and thoughtful host, the friend of all.

The Anniversary exercise of the Westminster Sabbath School Missionary Association will be held at the Chapel, on Sunday the 10th inst, with services as follows:

In the morning at 10.30 o'clock, a sermon to the Sabbath school.

Afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, the anniversary exercises will be held, consisting of the reports of the officers, a concert exercise on "Praise ye the Lord," and an address by Mr. F. H. Wisewell.

In the evening at 7 o'clock, a Missionary meeting will be held, at which addresses will be delivered by Dr. Wayne Snow, the missionary representative of this school and others. Missionary collection.

All are cordially invited to be present at either or all of these services.

COUNCIL.—Rev. A. L. Brice, Presiding Elder of Newark district, will preach on Sunday evening in the Methodist church, Bloomfield.

PILLS AND PROVERBS.—Observing Dr. W. the other day on his return from the city as he was leaving the ferry-boat with a fine turkey in one hand and a brace of chickens in the other, we could but think that possibly his prescriptions would be more grateful were he to order proverber instead of pills to his patients. "Ah," said another passenger, addressing the Doctor, "What kind of medicine is that?" "That is a good tonic," replied the M. D., it is to give strength and build up. "Oh yes," it was responded, "you take the medicine that is palatable?" "And gustatory," added a third one, and we patients must be content with the pill. We all had a good laugh, which Solomon says "doth good like a medicine"—perhaps he meant that of the provender sort.

THE GAZETTE—OUR PLAN.

Our Journal went to our readers last week in the enlarged form which we have adopted, being an increase in size of nearly three columns, which will enable us to give a larger amount of valuable and varied reading.

We have made arrangements for a New Department with the caption—"THE RENOVATED WEEKLY." Under this head, we propose regularly to give a weekly resume of the editorial thought and discussions, on whatever subject, of our principal religious journals, mainly those of the Metropolis, though we shall not hesitate

from time to time to include also such from other populous centres as are conducted with ability, and are entitled to be considered of a representative character.

By this means our readers will get the drift of public opinion on important subjects from different stand-points.

Another, "New Department" has the caption—POLITICAL INFORMATION, under which the Sunday school boxes in the gallery would be greatly improved in appearance by removing the knots from the top of the newel posts, which, though intendedly the mechanic for ornament, are manifestly out of taste and out of place.

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Either of these departments ought to be considered worth the subscription price of the GAZETTE to any reader, in whatever locality, as they are of general application and value.

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behind the pulpit and the substitution of some graceful lines in place of the tattoo spots about the windows and borders, we shall have an exhibition of correct and refining taste of which not only the church but the town may feel a rational pride. Then the committee of twelve will receive their meed of honor.

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INSTALLATION SERVICE.

On Wednesday evening the Rev. HENRY W. BALLANTINE, was duly installed 9th Pastor of "The Presbyterian Society" of Bloomfield. His predecessors in order from the beginning were—

1st, Rev. Abel Jackson in 1800—10 years

2nd, Rev. C. Gildersleeve " 1812—6 "

3rd, Rev. G. N. Judd " 1820—14 "

4th, Rev. E. Seymour " 1834—13 "

5th, Rev. G. Duffield Jr. " 1847—4 "

6th, Rev. J. M. Sherwood " 1852—6 "

7th, Rev. E. J. Newlin " 1858—5 "

8th, Rev. C. E. Knott " 1864—19 "

The Rev. Henry W. Ballantine was called on the 16th, of June last and entered upon the ministry on the 5th of July. The repairs of the church which were commenced soon after have caused the postponement of the formal and official induction ceremonies.

The time for which many hearts had been waiting at length arrived. The church was renovated, painted and furnished and appeared fresh and cheery. Notice had been published in all the pulpits and the programme arranged for Wednesday evening. The pulpit was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens, conspicuously displaying across the wall behind, the emblematic cross, stars and circles, all made of Christmas greens and the significant letters I. H. S.

The large church was well filled. The assistants of the Presbytery were all present to take part in the services as below, except Rev. E. Mix of Orange, who was detained by sickness in his family, and whose duty was ably performed by Rev. Dr. Berry in addition to that which had been assigned to him.

Rev. Duncan Keeney D. D. to preside and to propound the covenant question to the pastor elect and to the congregation.

Rev. D. B. Coe, D. D. to make the opening prayer.

Rev. J. R. Berry, D. D. to offer the Installation prayer.

Rev. E. Mix to preach the Sermon.

Rev. Chas. E. Knox, D. D. to deliver the charge to the new pastor.

Rev. J. Fawsom, D. D. to deliver the charge to the people.

The services were exceedingly interesting. The Sermon of Dr. Berry was admirable in conception and clear and forcible in delivery. The charge of Dr. Knox to the pastor was comprehensive, scholarly, authoritative and pious, well befitting the high character of Dr. Knox for learning and experience as a pastor, an author, and President of a theological Seminary. Dr. Fawsom's charge to the congregation, though quite brief, was altogether appropriate and impressive.

All the exercises were listened to with deepest interest by an appreciative audience.

This esteemed pastor, who had already installed himself in the hearts of his congregation, was officially installed over the church according to the admirable order of the constitution of the Presbyterian church.

MONTCLAIR.

Town Council—Montclair.

Regular meeting Wednesday, 6th Jan.

The subject of widening Fullerton ave-

nue south of Bloomfield avenue, which had been passed upon at a former meeting,

was, on motion for reconsideration again brought before the council. An animated discussion followed which had the effect to convince the council that the report and recommendation of the commissioners which had been affirmed by their former action, were not satisfactory to the majority of owners on that avenue, nor probably for the best interests of all concerned. Therefore, it resolved to revoke the affirmation of the council and leave the subject open for further action of the council hereafter.

THE RELIGIOUS WEEKLIES.

The "Illustrated Christian Weekly," which by the way is one of the best among our Religious Weeklies, gives the following sensible answer to a correspondent who inquires whether it is allowable to introduce AMATEUR ACTING into church sociables.

In our opinion the movement which W. T. describes is precisely in the wrong,

direction. Mr. Booth and Miss Cushman are vastly better actors than amateurish players, and we do not see how it would be possible for them to do otherwise.

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